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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 01/09/2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4,9-11,16,18-20,24,25,28-33 and 35-54 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 30 and 31 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4,9-11,16,18-20,24,25,28-33 and 35-54 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 3,5-8,12-15,17,21-23,26-27 and 34 have been cancelled. Claims 1-2,4,9-11,16,18-20,24-25,28-33 have been amended. Claims 35-54 have been added. Claims 1-2,4,9-11,16,18-20,24-25,28-33, and 35-54 are pending.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1,4,9-11,16,18-20,24,25,28-29,32-33,35-54 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claims is rejected under 35 U.S.C 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

5. The term "a specified scheme" in claims 1,2,24,35-36 and 45-46 are renders the claim indefinite. The term a specified scheme is not defined by the claim, the specification does not provide a standard for ascertaining the requisite degree, and one

of ordinary skill in the art would not be reasonably apprised of the scope of the claim. Applicant is advised to define "specified scheme" in the claims to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 1,2,4,10-11,16,18-20,24,25,32,33,35-54 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brustoloni(Pub No: US 2002/0046348 A1) in view of Kivinen et al(hereinafter referred as Kivinen) US 6,957,346 B1.

8. As per claims 1,24-25,32-33,35: method/product/apparatus for facilitating Internet security protocol (IPsec) based communications through a device that employs address translation in a telecommunications network, the method comprising the steps of: receiving a first electronic message from a first node, wherein the first electronic message is based on IPsec and is associated with a first identifier(col 3 lines 7-14 and col 7 lines 51-60); the first identifier is generated by the first node(col 7 lines 51-60); and the first electronic

message is addressed to a second network address(col 3 lines 7-14 See Fig 1a); the device generating a value based on the first identifier and a specified scheme(col 7 lines 61 through col 8 line 7); sending the first electronic message to a second node based on the second network address, wherein the first electronic message includes a particular network address that is associated with the device instead of the first network address(col 3 lines 7-14 See Fig 1a); receiving a second electronic message from the second node, wherein the second electronic message is based on IPsec(col 9 lines 16- col 3 line 7-14 see Fig 3); and the second electronic message is addressed to the particular network address(col 3 line 7-14 see Fig 1b);the device determining whether the second electronic message is directed to the first node based on the value and the second identifier; and sending the second electronic message to the first node at the first network address when the second electronic message is determined to be directed to the first node(col 3 lines 15-28 and col 7 line 60 through col 8 line 7).

Klvinenen doesn't explicitly teach the second electronic message is associated with a second identifier that is different than the first identifier and the second identifier is generated based on the first identifier and the specific scheme by the second node.

However Brustoloni teaches the second electronic message is associated with a second identifier that is different than the first identifier and the second identifier is generated based on the first identifier and the specific scheme by the second node (0013,0029,0044See See Fig 2). Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at that time the invention was made to employ the teaching method of Brustoloni within Kivinen because it would secure the method by routing the

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incoming packets from a common server to a plurality of clients that are communicating with the server and sharing a common access link (Brustoloni See 0028).

9. As per claims 4,37,47: the combination of Klvinenen and Brustoloni teach a method wherein the specified scheme is selected from the group consisting of a first scheme that produces a fixed length output, a second scheme that includes a hash algorithm, and a third scheme that includes a Message Digest 5 one-way hash function (See Kivinen col 7 line 60 through col 8 line 7).

10. As per claims 9,38,48: the combination of Klvinenen and Brustoloni teach a method wherein: the value is a hash value(col 7 lines 61 through col 8 line 7); the second identifier is based at least in part on the hash value(); the hash value is comprised of a first plurality of bytes(col 7 lines 61 through col 8 line 7); the second identifier is comprised of a second plurality of bytes(col 7 lines 61 through col 8 line 7); a last pair of bytes of the second plurality of bytes is a first pair of bytes of the first plurality of bytes(col 7 lines 61 through col 8 line 7); and the step of determining whether the second electronic message is directed to the first node further comprises the steps of: comparing the last pair of bytes of the second identifier to the first pair of bytes of the hash value(col 7 lines 61 through col 8 line 7); and when the last pair of bytes of the second identifier match the first pair of bytes of the hash value, determining that the second electronic message is directed to the first node(col 7 lines 61 through col 8 line 7).

11. As per claims 10,39,49: the combination of Klvinenen and Brustoloni teach a method wherein the first node is an IPsec originator node(See Klvinenen col 7 lines 20-

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60 Fig 3); the second node is an IPsec responder node(See Klvinenen col 7 lines 20-60 Fig 3); the first identifier is a first IPsec security parameter index(See Klvinenen col 7 lines 20-60 Fig 3); the second identifier is a second IPsec security parameter index(See Klvinenen col 7 lines 20-60 Fig 3); the device employs a feature selected from the group consisting of network address translation (NAT),dynamic address NAT, and network address port translation (NAPT)(col 3 lines 1-28);and the method further comprises the steps of: creating and storing a mapping between the value and the first IPsec security parameter index(See Klvinenen col 7 lines 20-60 Fig 3); creating an association between the value and the first identifier(See Klvinenen col 7 lines 20-60 Fig 3); and storing the association in a translation table(See Klvinenen col 7 lines 20-60 Fig 3).

12. As per claims 11,41,51: the combination of Klvinenen and Brustoloni teach a method as further comprising the steps of: when the second electronic message is determined to be directed to the first node, creating an association between the first network address and the second identifier (Klvinenen col 3 lines 7-14 and col 7 lines 51-60 Fig 3); storing the association in a table (Klvinenen col 3 lines 7-14 and col 7 lines 51-60 Fig 3); receiving a third electronic message from the second node; wherein the third electronic message is based on IPsec and is associated with the second identifier: and determining that the third electronic message is directed to the first node based on the association(See Klvinenen col 3 lines 7-14 and col 7 lines 51-60 Fig 3).

13. As per claim 18,42,52: the combination of the combination of Klvinenen and Brustoloni teach a method further comprising the steps of: receiving a third electronic from the second node, wherein the third electronic message is based on IPsec(See

Brustoloni Fig 3 item 301-N): the third electronic message is addressed to the specified network address (See Fig 3 item 301-N); the third electronic message is associated with a third identifier that is different than both the first identifier and the second identifier(See Brustoloni Fig 3 item 301-N); the third identifier is generated based on the first identifier and the specified scheme, by the second node(Brustoloni 0015, 0029): the device determining whether the third electronic message is directed to the first node based on the value and the third identifier(Brustoloni 0015, 0028-0029); and when the third electronic message is determined to be directed to the first node, sending the third electronic message to the first node at the first network address(Brustoloni 0028-0029).

14. As per claims 19,43,53: the combination of Klvinenen and Brustoloni teach a method wherein the step of the device generating the value is performed before the step of receiving the second electronic message (See Klvinenen col 7 lines 61 through col 8 line 7 See Fig 3).

15. As per claims 20,44,54: the combination of Klvinenen and Brustoloni teach a method wherein the step of the device generating the value is performed after the step of receiving the second electronic message (See Klvinenen col 7 lines 61 through col 8 line 7 See Fig 3).

16. As per claims 28,29: the combination of Klvinenen and Brustoloni teach an apparatus wherein the value is a hash value, the first identifier is a first IPsec Security Parameter Index (SPI), the second identifier is a second IPsec SPI, and the instructions for generating the second IPsec SPI further comprises one or more stored sequences of instructions which, when executed by the processor, cause the process to carry out the

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step of generating the second IPsec SPI based on at least a first portion of the hash value and the second portion of a second randomly generated fixed length value(See Brustoloni 0015,0024 ,0046).

17. As per claim 50: the combination of Klvinenen and Brustoloni teach an apparatus wherein the first electronic message and the second electronic message are both based on an IPsec feature selected from the group consisting of IPsec tunnel mode and IPsec Encapsulation Security Payload (See Brustoloni 0046).

Allowable Subject Matter

18. Claims 30 and 31 are allowed. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: Art on record fail to teach the NAT enabled router can determine which of two or more IPsec originator nodes to send each message from an IPsec responder node that each of the two or more originator nodes are communicate with. By comparing the portion of the responder node's SPI that is based on the originator node's SPI to a hash of the SPIs of the different originator nodes to determine which of the those originator nodes the particular responder node's message should be sent then the NAT device can make an entry in the network address translation table that properly associates the correct originator node to the responder node for each security association established between originator nodes and the same responder node.

Conclusion

19. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

20. A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

21. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. See PTO 892.

22. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Fikremariam Yalew whose telephone number is 5712723852. The examiner can normally be reached on 9-5.

23. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz Sheikh can be reached on 5712738300. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

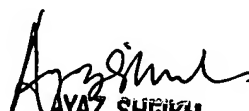
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